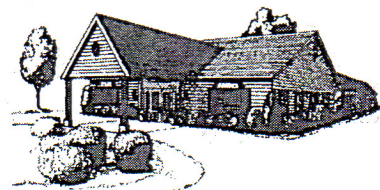


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Mark Gacek  
*Director*

April 1, 2014

The Honorable Douglas H. Wilkins  
Lawrence Superior Court  
43 Appleton Street  
Lawrence, MA 01840

Dear Judge Wilkins,

Over the past three years I have come in contact with Leonard Degnan through his daughter Gina Degnan, who is my employee. Over the years Leonard has expressed great interest in the funeral profession, to which he was introduced by his daughter's choice of profession as a funeral director, and as such we have shared thoughts on several occasions regarding aspects of the business and industry.

In the past Leonard has helped me at my funeral home when we were short-staffed, and through those interactions I know him to be a decent and professional individual, as well as very willing to help out a fellow small business owner. He has not only assisted us by working along side my staff when we were short-handed, but has also been free with professional insurance advice when I was in need.

It is my hope that you may consider my good opinion of Leonard when determining his sentence, as well as the far-reaching negative impact a prison sentence would have on his family and the larger community which supports them.

Respectfully,

Mark P. Gacek  
Owner, Dracut Funeral Home